

HOUSE BILL 612

By Hawk

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 39,
Chapter 13, Part 2, relative to the determination of
intellectual disability of those sentenced to death.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Section 39-13-203(g), is amended by adding the following new subdivision:

(3) If an order is issued requiring a determination under subdivision (g)(1) to be paid on behalf of a petitioner pursuant to this part, then the payment must be made from funding provided for indigent defendants' counsel as set forth within the annual appropriations act. The payment must be made only after receipt by the administrative director of the courts of a certified copy of the order and only upon receipt of a bill from the expert. The bill must set forth the name of the petitioner, the amount of the bill, and the name and address of the expert to which payment is to be made.

SECTION 2. This act takes effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.